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1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REF (B) BECAUSE OF HEAVY WORKLOAD AND SHORTAGE OF STAFF TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY RESEARCH AND PUT INFORMATION TOGETHER.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, LEGAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY US CITIZENS IN COMMUNIST REGIME ARE COMPLEX, TIME-CONSUMING, AND OFTEN OBSCURE. THE MAJORITY OF LAWS AND DECREES ARE CONFI-DENTIAL AND STATE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY OR TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THOSE THAT ARE AVAILABLE ARE OFTEN COMPLEX AND CONFUSING AND NOT AMENABLE TO INTERPRETATION BY SOMEONE NOT WELL VERSED WITH ROMANIAN LAW.

3. DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, POST HAS HAD ONLY ONE CASE OF QUASI-ARREST OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS NOT JAILED BUT ONLY TOLD TO STAY AT HIS HOTEL UNTIL THE CASE CAME TO TRIAL AND HIS INSURANCE COMPANY PAID DAMAGES TO THE INJURED PARTY.

4. OTHER LEGAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY US DITIZENS IN ROMANIA SUCH AS VISA PROBLEMS, EXTENSIONS OF STAY IN ROMANIA, APPLICA-
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TIONS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCY, CUSTOMS PROBLEMS, ETC. ARE HANDLED INFORMALLY BY CONSULAR OFFICERS WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS OR BY DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES.
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